

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were pending. No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Hence, claims 1-20 remain pending.

The Office Action of 4/5/2006 rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by "Dual, Voltage Mode, DDR Selectable, Synchronous, Step-Down Controller for Notebook System Power" cited on PTO 1449 filed April 9, 2004 (hereinafter "the reference" or "the cited reference"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The cited reference is dated November 2003 which is when the noted revision was made, but was published in a similar format as early as July 2003. In either case, the reference was published less than one year before the filing date of the present application. Hence, the cited reference does not qualify as prior art under 35 USC 102(b). For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 and allowance thereof.

Further, the inventor of the present application, Christopher J. Sanzo, was the primary author of the cited reference, and the subject matter disclosed in the reference that is related to the present invention is attributable to Mr. Sanzo. An affidavit pursuant to 37 CFR 1.132 setting forth, *inter alia*, the aforementioned facts is attached hereto. For at least this reason, the cited reference does not qualify as prior art under 35 USC 102(a). For at least this additional reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-20 and allowance thereof.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Hence, an early allowance of all such claims is earnestly requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees under 37 CFR 1.136, to the deposit account of the assignee, Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 720-266-4728.

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